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AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph that starts on line 11 of page 17 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 3A is a perspective illustration of the top face 100a of one embodiment of the palmtop computer system 100 of the present invention. The top face 100a contains a display screen ~~405~~ 5000 surrounded by a bezel or cover. A removable stylus 80 is disposed along the right side of portable computer system, but by virtue of the angle of the illustration, is not shown. The display ~~module~~ screen 5000 is a flexible display panel able to register contact between the screen and the tip of the stylus 80. The stylus 80 can be of nearly any material to make contact with the screen ~~405~~ 5000. The top face 100a also contains one or more dedicated and/or programmable buttons 75 for selecting information and causing the computer system to implement functions. The on/off button 95 is also shown.

(Please replace the paragraph that starts on line 22 of page 17 with the following amended paragraph:)

It should be appreciated that in one embodiment of the present invention, portable computer system 100 may be equipped with a front cover 175, adapted to provide protection against damage to display ~~module~~ screen 5000, and removeably coupled to portable computer 100, as shown in Figures 3A and 3B.

Please amend the paragraph that starts on line 1 of page 19 with the following amended paragraph:

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Figure 3B is a rear angled perspective illustration ~~110b~~ 100b of the black face and the back of front cover 175 of portable computer system 100 of Figure 3A, in one embodiment of the palmtop computer system that can be used in accordance with various embodiments of the present invention. An extendible antenna 85 is shown, and also a battery storage compartment door 90 is shown. Portable computer system 100 is shown as having optional data storage device receptacle 140, adapted to receive optional data storage devices, e.g., memory sticks, secure data cards, and the like. A communication interface 180 is also shown. Also shown is front cover 175. In one embodiment of the present invention, the communication interface 180 is a serial communication port, but could also alternatively be of any of a number of well-known communication standards and protocols, e.g., parallel, SCSI (small computer system interface), Firewire (IEEE 1394), Ethernet, etc.